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PATCH, BE CAREFUL!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!?
GAHH!!
KAF
GLUG!
KAGH!
SPLASH!
COUGH
I DON'T...
I DON'T...
ELSIE!
WATCH OUT!!

ELSIE...
LORD...
HAVE TO GET...
KAF
KOFF
HAVE TO...
HAVE TO GET BACK TO THEM.

THIRSTY...
THROAT CLOSING. CAN'T...
DRIP
DRIP
OUCH.
CAN'T DRINK.
HAVE TO GET BACK--

HUNGRY...
HUNGRY... HAVE TO...
ELSIE.
LORD.
HAVE TO GET TO THEM.
HUNGRY...
Huff
Huff
KHAF

CAN'T EAT...
THROAT IS BURNING.
KOFF
KAGH
STARVING.
THROAT IS...
HAVE TO GET BACK TO--
FREEZING.
KAF
KAK

KAHF
HACK
MOUTH DRY.
BRAIN ON FIRE.
HAVE TO GET BACK TO THEM.
ELSIE AND LORD.
FREEZING COLD...
SLEEPY TOO.
KOFF
KOFF
HAVE TO GET BACK TO--
COULD REST IN THE SNOW.
COULD LAY DOWN AND--
WAIT.
WAIT!

WAIT... ELSIE!?
KOUGH
ELSIE, I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR...
KOFF KHAF
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING. I GOT LOST AND I FEEL SICK, BUT...
BUT I KNEW...
I JUST HAD TO GET BACK TO YOU AND *LORD*.

ELSIE, WAIT!
WAIT!!
KOFF KAF
WAIT, I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T...
I'M SORRY I TOLD LORD ABOUT...
ABOUT... WHAT YOU DID.
ABOUT ABANDONING HIM WHEN HE WAS JUST A--
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS SAYING.
IT'S LIKE I COULDN'T CONTROL THE WORDS THAT CAME OUT OF MY MOUTH.
IS-- DID YOU FIND HIM?
IS HE OK?

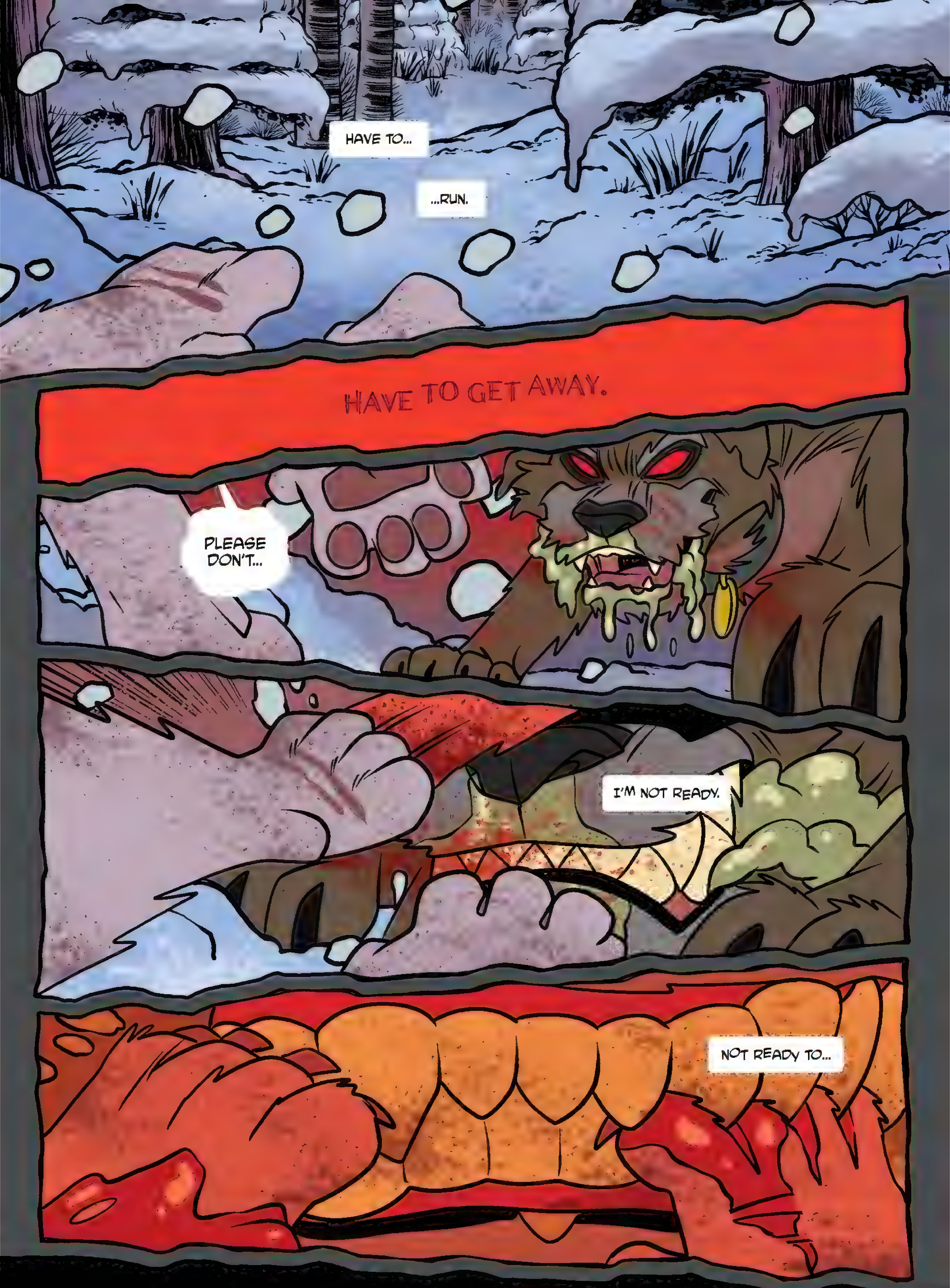
LORD'S FINE.
WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN. A FAMILY AGAIN.
TOGETHER AND SAFE.
I... OH, THANK GOODNESS.
I KNEW IT.
I TOLD MYSELF, 'YOU JUST HAVE TO GET BACK TO THEM.'
THINGS WILL BE LESS...
ELSIE, I'VE BEEN SO SCARED.
I DON'T FEEL RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS SO ANGRY BEFORE BUT I WAS...
I JUST SAW RED WHEN I... WHEN I LOOKED AT YOU, I SAW...
I WAS OUT OF CONTROL.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN *IN* CONTROL, PATCH.
HA. YEAH, I GUESS I--
YOU NEVER MADE ANY DECISIONS OR HAD ANY DIRECTION AT ALL.

YOU JUST LAID AROUND AND NAPPED. WHEN THE MEN CAME TO TAKE US, YOU DIDN'T RUN.
WHEN I TOOK THAT LITTLE BABY KITTEN INTO THE WOODS AND *LEFT HIM THERE,* YOU DIDN'T SAY A WORD!
YOU'RE A COWARD.
ELSIE, THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
SHAMEFUL. WEAK. WE'RE ALL BETTER OFF WITHOUT YOU.
LORD'S CRAZY BUT AT LEAST HE'S INTERESTING.
ALL YOU'VE EVER BEEN IS AFRAID.
PLEASE... WE'RE FAMILY.
GRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!
WE'RE NOT YOUR FAMILY, PATCH. WE NEVER WERE.
ELSIE?!

GRR
RR!
BUB
YOU'RE NOT...
WAIT! YOU'RE NOT...
GRRRRRRRRRRRRR
PLEASE!
SNAP!

YOU'RE NOT ELSIE!
WOOF
WOOF WOOF!
PLEASE!
HAVE TO--
PLEASE DON'T...
KOFF
COUGH
HACK
HACK
HAVE TO GET--

...AWAY!
SNAP!
NO!
PLEASE!
SLASH!


HAVE TO...
...RUN.
HAVE TO GET AWAY.
PLEASE DON'T...
I'M NOT READY.
NOT READY TO...

"Be careful, he might bite."

He's not gonna bite, Dad, look at him!
Look at his cute little eyepatch!
FREE
Oh, Daddy, *please* can we take him home!?
Honey, not so fast.
FREE
Cafe
Cafe Cafe
Cafe Cafe
First we have to make sure he gets along with...
Elsie, this is Patch.
Can you say hi to him?

HISSSSSSSSSSSSS
"Dad, *of course* they'll get along!"
"They're gonna be best friends!"
"*More* than friends..."

"...They'll be family!"

HAVE TO...
GET BACK...
ELSIE, LORD...
KHAF KOFF
HAVE TO GET BACK TO...
HAVE TO GET...
COUGH
HAVE TO...

...GET THEM.
END CHAPTER 6.

CHAPTER 7:

SHELTERED CATS

EVENTUALLY...
LORD?
COME ON, WHERE ARE YOU??
...THE ICE MELTED.
LORD?

DID THAT HURT?
OUCH!
DID THAT HURT?
OUCH!
WHAT ABOUT THAT?
DID THAT HURT?
ASH! TELL HER TO STOP!
PLEASE! SHE WON'T STOP!
SHE KEEPS WAPPING!
MILO, STOP YELLING!
I'M DOING HUNTING.
WAP
WAP
WAP

WAPPING HURTS!
I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT I DON'T LIKE WAPPING.
MILO, SHUSH.
WE'RE DOING HUNTING.
I THINK I CAN CATCH HIM IF I AH--
AH--
--CHOO!
EEK!
SHOOT!
HE'S ON THE RUN!
EEK EEK EEK
HE'S NOT THAT FAST! WE CAN STILL GET HIM!
BUT MAMA SAID WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE BARN.

SHE DIDN'T SAY THAT.
MAMA SAID DON'T LEAVE THE BARN UNLESS WE'RE SUPERVISED.
BUT... WE'RE *NOT* SUPERVISED!
EEK EEK EEK HUFF HUFF
SURE WE ARE!
I'M SUPERVISING YOU TWO AND YOU'RE SUPERVISING ME.
HE'S HEADED FOR THE STICKS!
BUT, WHAT IF THERE'S *BAD KIND!?*
IT'S TOO COLD FOR BAD KIND.
BESIDES, ONCE WE CATCH HIM, WE'LL GO RIGHT BACK.
IT'S NOT TOO COLD.
ELSIE SAID SHE SAW BAD KIND YESTERDAY!
ELEANOR, I'M STARVING. AND I'M SICK OF EATING BUGS.
JUST HELP ME DO THIS AND WE'LL...

CRAAASH!
SKREE
KOFF
KHAF KOFF
SKREEE
SKREEEE
SHIT.

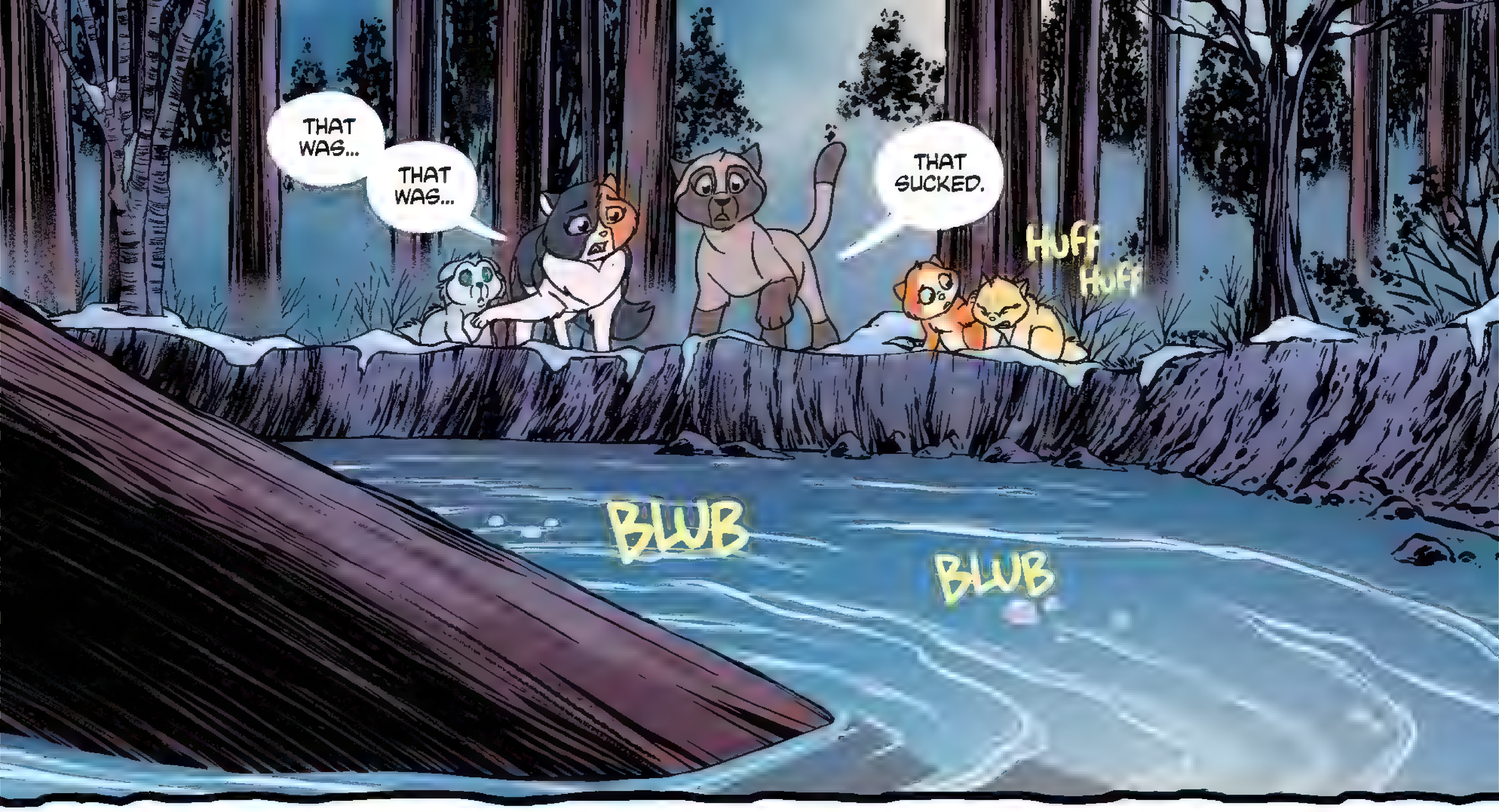
RUN!
BAD KIND!
YOU SAID IT WAS TOO COLD!
WELL, IT MUST BE GETTING WARMER!
JUST KEEP RUNNING!
IF ONE OF US GETS BIT, MAMA'S GONNA BE MAD!
HACK
KAK
KOFF
COUGH
KAF!!
WE HAVE TO GET...
WE HAVE TO...
HAVE TO GET...
SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

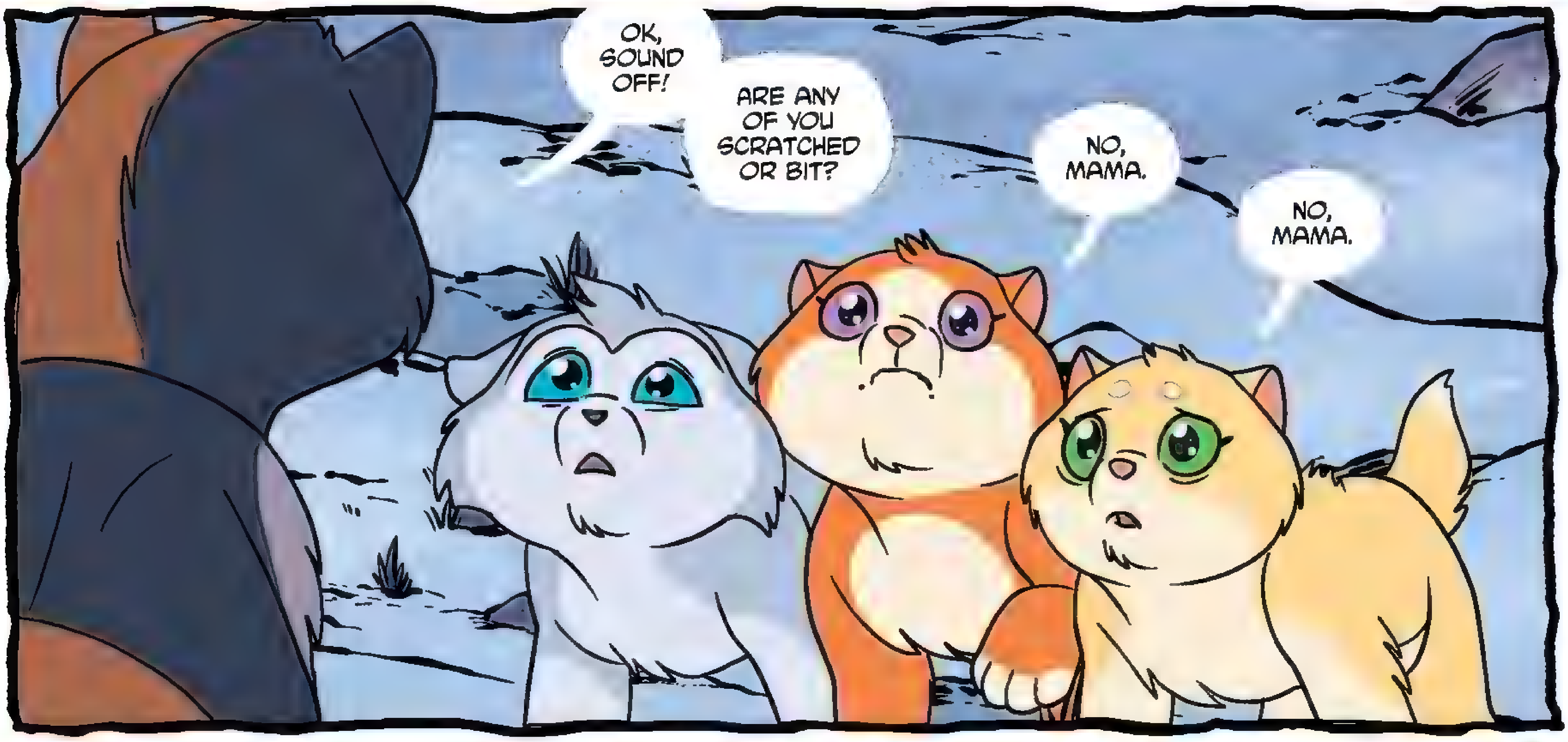
GET TO THE BARN!!
KAK
KHAF
COUGH
KAGF
SKREE
GO! RUN! DO NOT LOOK BACK.
EEK
EEK
EEK
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO...
WE WERE HUNGRY. WE WERE TYRYING TO HUNT.
LEAVE THE GROWN-UP STUFF TO THE GROWN-UPS.
GET TO WHERE IT'S SAFE!
TELL YOUR MOM THEY'RE BACK!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

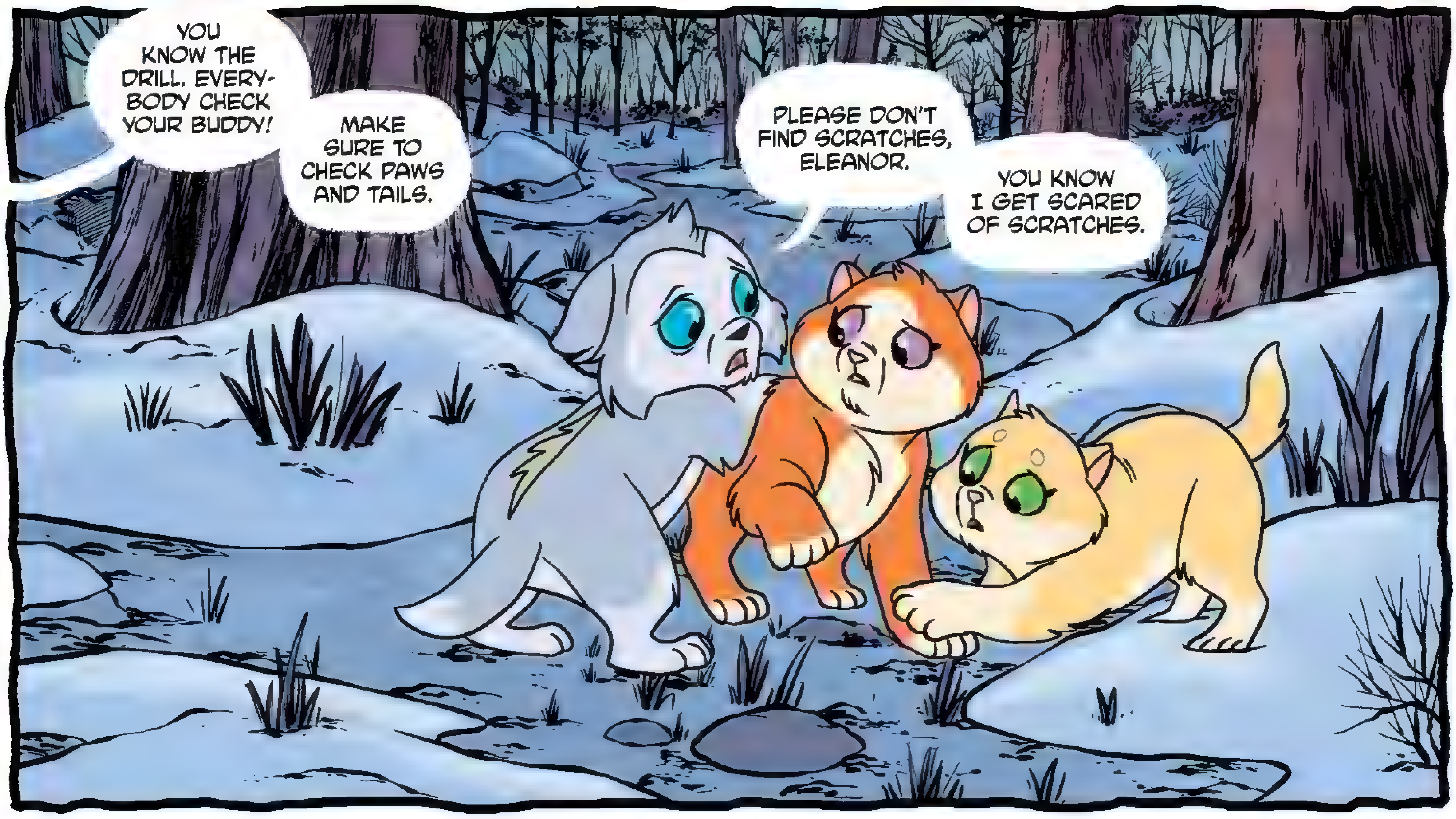
HISSSSSSSSSS
GROWN-UP STUFF.
MAMA!
MAMA!
BAD KIND ARE BACK!
THEY'RE RIGHT OUTSIDE THE--!
WHAT!?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUTSIDE?!!
MILO RAN OUT THERE!
WE WERE TRYING TO STOP HIM!
WHAT !?
THERE'S RATS OUTSIDE, MAMA. LOTS OF THEM!
WHERE'S ELSIE!?
SHE'S OUTSIDE TOO!
OH NO...

EEK
EEK
EEK
KOFF
HACK
MILO! CLIMB FASTER!
I'M *TRYING!*
GUYS, COME ON!
THERE'S A WAY OUT UP HERE.
I JUST PATCHED IT.
THEY'RE CLIMBING! THE RATS ARE--
GASP!
KOFF
MAMA, IT'S TOO MUCH SNOW!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ROOF AND WHAT'S--
WE HAVE TO JUMP!
ELEANOR, YOU'RE GONNA GO FIRST, BABY. OK?

LIKE WE PRACTICED!
STAY CLOSE! STAY TOGETHER.
ELSIE!
STICK TO THE TREES!
GET TO WATER!
THEY HATE WATER!
RATS!!
THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!
WHERE WERE YOU??
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!!
I WAS LOOKING FOR LORD. I DIDN'T...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO LEAVE THEM ALONE.
GIGI, I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T...
EEK
EEK
EEK
DON'T APOLOGIZE. IT DOESN'T...
JUST PUSH!
KAGF
SPLASH!
EEEEEEEEEK
KOFF


THAT WAS...
THAT WAS...
THAT SUCKED.
HUFF HUFF
BLUB
BLUB


OK, SOUND OFF!
ARE ANY OF YOU SCRATCHED OR BIT?
NO, MAMA.
NO, MAMA.


YOU KNOW THE DRILL. EVERYBODY CHECK YOUR BUDDY!
MAKE SURE TO CHECK PAWS AND TAILS.
PLEASE DON'T FIND SCRATCHES, ELEANOR.
YOU KNOW I GET SCARED OF SCRATCHES.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU HURT?
THAT'S NOT A SCRATCH, IT'S A MOLE!
WHAT ABOUT THIS? IS THIS ANYTHING?
I'M OK. THEY DIDN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO...
ELSIE, YOU HAVE TO DO BETTER.
I'M SORRY, GIGI. REALLY, I...
I JUST FEEL LIKE...
I KNOW HE'S OUT THERE AND IF I DON'T FIND HIM...
THAT'S NOT A SCRATCH EITHER.
THAT TICKLES!
I CAN'T LET HIM DOWN AGAIN, I CAN'T...
ELSIE, *WE'RE* DOING THIS NOW.
I MISS LORD TOO.
BUT I NEED YOU TO BE HERE AND PRESENT FOR *THIS*.
THESE KTTTENS ARE ALL THAT MATTER NOW.
IF YOU HAVE SOME OTHER PRIORITY, THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK.
KIDS, ARE WE GOOD?
NO BITES!
NO SCRATCHES!
OK. BACK UP TO THE TREES.
IT'S NOT SAFE DOWN HERE.
WAIT, MAMA...
DON'T YOU SMELL THAT?
YEAH, IT SMELLS LIKE...

FOOD!
OH MY GOSH OH MY GOSH OH MY GOSH!
IT'S FISH!
FRESH...
FRESH FISH.
AND IT'S JUST...
...HERE FOR THE TAKING.
HERE FOR...
WAIT.
NO!

DO NOT TOUCH!
BUT...
FRESH FISH!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO LEFT THIS HERE OR WHAT THEY DID TO IT.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S FROM, YOU CAN'T KNOW IF IT'S SAFE.
YOU NEED TO BE *SO* CAREFUL!
MAYBE *PEOPLE* LEFT IT OUT HERE FOR US.
GOOD PEOPLE. LIKE THE PEOPLE YOU TOLD US ABOUT!
WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE *ARE* GOOD PEOPLE ANYMORE.
BUT MAMA, WE'RE STARVING.
MY TUMMY IS GROWLY LIKE THE BAD KIND.
CAN'T WE JUST...
JUST...

SNAP!
NO.
OH NO!
NO.
NO.
NO.
GIGI...
MAMA?
NO!
NO!
NO!
NO!
GIGI. THEY'LL HEAR YOU!

OK, WELL...
...AT LEAST THERE'S FRESH FISH IN HERE.
THESE BARS WON'T KEEP RATS OUT.
WE CAN DO THIS. WE CAN FIGURE A WAY OUT OF...
WE JUST HAVE TO--
CRACK!
MUNCH
MUNCH
CHEW
MUNCH
ELSIE...
...THOSE AREN'T RATS.
KOFF
KAK
KOFF
KHAF
KIDS.
STAY BEHIND ME.

KAK!
BEEP BEEP
MAMA!
WHAT IS THAT?!
YIPE YIPE!
YIPE!
VMMMMM
KLATCH
THAT'S...
...IT'S PEOPLE.
MAMA, WHAT'S IT DOING?!
IS IT GOOD PEOPLE??
HONEY, I...
...I DON'T KNOW.

KIDS, WHATEVER HAPPENS...
SLAM
CLICK
--IT'S THE TOP OF THE HOUR ON AM 1430: NEWS, TALK AND SPORTS. IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CAME TO A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT THIS AFTERNOON ON A LYSS US RELIEF PACKAG STATES IN THE NORTHEASTERN U.S. ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO CONTAIN T CONTAGIO
GAH!
VRNNNN
EXPERTS AD EXPECTED THE FRIGID WINTER CONDITIONS WOULD SLOW THE SPREAD BUT THE CDC ANNOUNCED EA EK THAT THEY HAD YET TO SEE A DROP IN INFECTIONS. MORE NEWS AFTER THESE--
CLICK
WOAH!
WHY'S IT SO BOUNCY?
SKREEECH
WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU HAVE TO PROMISE...
SKREEE

SKRRT!!
OW!
AGH!
CLICK
DING DING DING DING
COUGH COUGH
SLAM!

YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME. WHATEVER HAPPENS IN THERE...
WHATEVER YOU SEE.
THE MINUTE SHE OPENS THIS CRATE, YOU *RUN*!
YOU FIND A CORNER OR YOU RUN UNDER A BED OR A HUTCH OR A...
AND THE FIRST CHANCE YOU GET, YOU GET BACK OUTSIDE. WHETHER I'M WITH YOU OR NOT.
GET BACK TO THE TREES. OK?
OK!??
OK. OK! WE PROMISE!
MAMA, WHAT'S IN THERE?
WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED?
CREEAK
BABY, I DON'T KNOW.
I JUST...
MAMA HAS A BAD FEELING IT'S... IT'S...

LORD!?
Cats Welcome
END CHAPTER 7.

CHAPTER 8:

THE CAT HOUSE

WE WERE TOGETHER.
SAFE AND SOUND.
WAKE UP.
MILES TO GO BEFORE...

NO TIME...
NO TIME FOR SLEEP.
BUT... BUT IT'S WARM HERE.
WE'RE FINALLY SAFE. WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER.
YOU ARE NOT SAFE!
YOU WILL NEVER BE TOGETHER! LOOK AROUND, GIRL.
YOU ARE ALONE.
SHARP TEETH.
SHARP CLAW.
STILL, YOU ARE NOT PREPARED.
SOFT BELLY.
SOFT INSTINCTS.
COMFORT HAS MADE YOU MORE PET THAN BEAST.
BUT I...

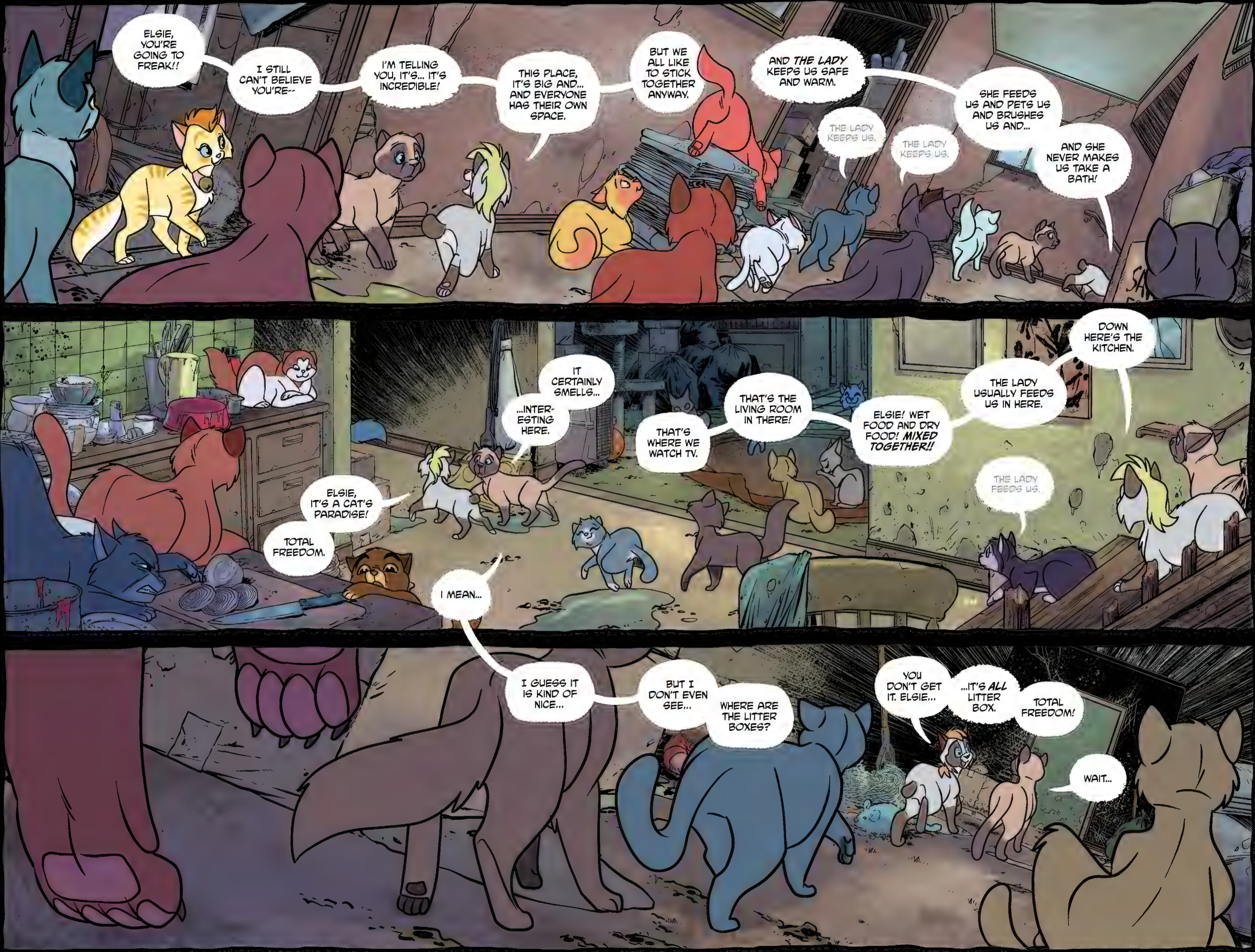
BUT I *FOUND* HIM!
LORD...
I CAN'T ASK HIM TO LEAVE.
WHAT IF HE...
YOU DID NOT FIND ANYONE.
YOU STUMBLED ONTO HIM.
YOU HAVE NOT EARNED FORGIVENESS.
YOU NEVER WILL...
...UNLESS YOU WAKE UP.
NO ONE IS SAFE.
AS LONG AS YOU ARE HERE.
SO WILL YOU?
ART
WAKE UP?
ELSIE?

ELSIE?
ARE YOU AWAKE?
I HEARD TALKING BUT I WASN'T SURE IF...
GOSH, YOU SLEPT FOR SO LONG.
WHO ARE YOU? WHERE...
I'M CHLOE. YOU'RE SOMEWHERE SAFE.
ELSIE, YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH.
WE ALL HAVE. BUT YOU CAN RELAX. THE LADY HAS YOU NOW.
BREATHE. YOU'RE OK.
YOU'RE ONE OF US NOW.

BUT... WHERE AM I?
WHERE'S GIGI? WHERE ARE THE KITTENS?
ELSIE, RELAX.
THE LADY KEEPS US.
YOU'RE ONE OF--
DON'T TOUCH ME!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S... JUST TELL ME WHAT'S--
WE WERE IN A TRAP. WE WERE IN A CAR AND WE...
WE...
SLASH!
ELSIE...
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME!?
LORD TOLD ME.

OH...
LORD... I DIDN'T KNOW...
I WASN'T SURE IF I'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
I DIDN'T KNOW IF I'D EVER GET TO...
HONEY, I'M SO SORRY FOR...
YOU WERE JUST A KITTEN...
I'M SO SORRY I HURT YOU.

ELSIE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE FINALLY HERE! OH MY GOSH!
I'M SO EXCITED FOR YOU TO MEET MY FAMILY!
OH! YOU MET MY FRIEND CHLOE.
THIS IS KENNY AND SNOWFLAKE.
AND THAT'S PENNY AND CYNDAL AND ROLLIE AND....
HEY, HOW COME PATCH WASN'T WITH YOU?
WHERE IS HE?
OH... PATCH.
LORD, BABY, HE--
C'MON! YOU GOTTA SEE THIS PLACE!


ELSIE, YOU'RE GOING TO FREAK!!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE--
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S... IT'S INCREDIBLE!
THIS PLACE, IT'S BIG AND... AND EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN SPACE.
BUT WE ALL LIKE TO STICK TOGETHER ANYWAY.
AND *THE LADY* KEEPS US SAFE AND WARM.
THE LADY KEEPS US.
THE LADY KEEPS US.
SHE FEEDS US AND PETS US AND BRUSHES US AND...
AND SHE NEVER MAKES US TAKE A BATH!
IT CERTAINLY SMELLS...
...INTERESTING HERE.
ELSIE, IT'S A CAT'S PARADISE!
TOTAL FREEDOM.
THAT'S WHERE WE WATCH TV.
THAT'S THE LIVING ROOM IN THERE!
ELSIE! WET FOOD AND DRY FOOD! *MIXED TOGETHER!!*
THE LADY USUALLY FEEDS US IN HERE.
DOWN HERE'S THE KITCHEN.
THE LADY FEEDS US.
I MEAN...
I GUESS IT IS KIND OF NICE...
BUT I DON'T EVEN SEE...
WHERE ARE THE LITTER BOXES?
YOU DON'T GET IT, ELSIE...
...IT'S *ALL* LITTER BOX.
TOTAL FREEDOM!
WAIT...

WAIT, THERE ARE CATS IN THERE.
CAN'T YOU HEAR THEM?
WHY ARE THEY IN THERE?
THAT'S WHERE CATS GO WHEN THEY'RE ON DISCIPLINE.
THE LADY... SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN CATS MISBEHAVE.
BUT... THAT'S NOT FREEDOM.
YOU SAID THIS WAS A PARADISE. HOW LONG HAVE THEY BEEN IN THERE FOR?
WHAT IF SHE...
IS THIS CRAZY LADY GOING TO THROW US IN THERE TOO?
ELSIE... PLEASE. CHILL.
ARE YOU OK?

WHY ARE YOU YELLING?
PLEASE, JUST...
CALM DOWN.
GIGI, WHERE WERE YOU?!
HIDING WITH THE BABIES.
I FOUND A SAFE PLACE IN THE LINEN CLOSET.
ELSIE, YOU CAN'T MAKE NOISE. THE LADY HERE HAS RULES. YOU CAN'T JUST...
WE HAVE TO STAY SAFE.
GIGI, I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS PLACE.
BUT LORD IS HAPPY AND SAFE AND... AND I FEEL SO BAD ABOUT WHAT I DID TO HIM...
I DON'T WANT TO RUIN IT FOR HIM HERE.
IF YOU THINK IT'S SAFE TOO, THEN...
I DIDN'T SAY THAT.
I SAID CALM DOWN.
SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY NOT--
There you are, Mama!

Oh, and you found the Little Princess too!
Now, where'd you put those sweet, sweet babies, Mama?
ELSIE...
THE LADY KEEPS US.
THE LADY KEEPS US.
RUN!
MAMA! WE'RE BORED.
CAN WE GO--
NO! IT'S NOT PLAYTIME!
GET TO THE BACK OF THE CLOSET!
HISSSSS
C'mon, sweet girl!
We just wanna pet the kitti--
SLASH!
OW!
Oh, somebody's still got her claws!
We can take care of those...
Ought'ta put you with the cranky cats in the...

...
Who's hungry?!
Let's get some food.
THE LADY FEEDS US.
THE LADY FEEDS US.
GIGI, ARE YOU GOING TO EAT?
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE LORD AND I ARE OK...
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GO ALONG WITH...
ELSIE, DON'T GET TOO WRAPPED UP IN THIS GROUP.
SOMETHING'S VERY WRONG HERE. JUST BE CALM.
FIND A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN HIDE OUT.
CAN I JUST HIDE WITH YOU?
WHAT? NO!
BUT...
ELSIE, YOUR ENERGY IS SO STRESSFUL RIGHT NOW.
I'M TRYING TO KEEP MY KIDS RELAXED. I JUST CAN'T...
PLEASE, JUST BE CALM. JUST UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT THE DEAL IS HERE.
JUST FIND A PLACE TO CHILL AND...

"...CHILL."
Eat up, now.
Here you go.
NOM
MUNCH MUNCH
NOM NOM
That's good, isn't it?
No fighting. There's plenty for everyone.
OK...
FIND A PLACE TO CHILL.
EASY. FIND A PLACE...

SLASH!
GAH!
HUH.
THERE MUST BE SOMEPLACE THAT ISN'T ALREADY TAKEN OR...
SNIFF SNIFF
OH, EW!!
SOMEPLACE THAT ISN'T TAKEN OR *MARKED*.
IS THERE ANYBODY BACK HERE?
OH, I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T...
PET MART

...OH.
OH!!
Sharpie FINE POINT
OH...
MY...
LORD!?
SOMEBODY HELP!
ANYBODY?!
ANYBODY, PLEASE!!

ELSIE, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
ARE YOU OK?
THERE'S A...
IT'S...
UNDER THE...THERE'S A...
THERE'S A ROTTING CAT UNDER THE COUCH!
WHAT?
OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? I BET THAT'S JUST EMMA.
I WONDERED WHERE SHE'D BEEN. ELSIE, IT'S FINE.
THE LADY KEEPS US EVEN WHEN WE'RE GONE.
EVEN WHEN WE'RE SICK, SHE--
STOP ACTING SO CALM, YOU CREEPY BITCH!
IT'S NOT SAFE HERE! IT'S NOT--
ELSIE... PLEASE...
WOAH WOAH!

ELSIE, PLEASE STOP...
LORD, SHE'S FRIGHTENING ME.
I... WHAT?? I DIDN'T--
SHE'S KEEPING DEAD CATS IN HERE!
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME IN FRONT OF MY... PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO--
THE LADY KEEPS US WITH-- WE'RE *FAMILY* HERE.
YOU DON'T THROW FAMILY IN THE TRASH!
AND YOU DON'T LEAVE FAMILY OUT IN THE WOODS.
OH... LORD...
SHE KEEPS US IN HER HEART.
I PROMISE... EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT.
LORD, I AM BEGGING YOU. GIGI AND I BOTH FEEL IT...
THERE'S SOMETHING...
WE'RE *NOT* SAFE HERE!

PLEASE. COME WITH ME.
ELSIE--
WE'LL GET GIGI AND WE'LL GO! OK?
OK!?
ELSIE...
THE LADY KEEPS US.
LORD...
THE LADY KEEPS US.
THE LADY KEEPS US

LORD!
YOU'RE ALL GOING TO END UP JUST LIKE EMMA!
PILES OF BONES UNDER THIS LADY'S FURNITURE.
SHE'LL KEEP YOU LOCKED HERE UNTIL YOU'RE....
ELSIE.
WE CAN LEAVE WHENEVER WE WANT.
WE STAY BECAUSE WE CHOOSE TO.
THE LADY KEEPS US WITH LOVE.

'THE LADY KEEPS YOU.'
FEH.
'KEEPS YOU' LOCKED IN A ROOM...
SCRTCH SCRTCH
HELLO? ARE YOU OK?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
MEOW

Huff
Huff
MEOW
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE. I CAN FEEL IT.
WE'RE GETTING OUT.
GET... OUT...
WE HAVE TO PROTECT OURSELVES... IT'S NOT SAFE...
OK? IS THAT OK?
THAT... OK...

I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU. AND I'LL SAVE LORD TOO...
GIGI!?
GET THE KIDS READY. WE'RE GETTING....
NO ONE IS KEEPING US.
CLICK
SCRATCH
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO OUT HERE? WHAT ARE--
WAIT!
ELSIE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KLATCH

ELSIE, WHAT DID YOU *DO!?*
KOFF KOFF
KAHF!
HACK KOFF

END CHAPTER 8.

CHAPTER 9:

PUNCTURE WOUNDS

ELSIE...
...WHAT DID YOU DO!?
I DIDN'T...

"I DIDN'T..."
"I DIDN'T THINK..."
KAFF
KAK
REOWWW
HACK
KHAF
KHAF KHAF
No!
No!
No!
No!
NO!
HIISSSSSSSS

KHAF KHAF KAK!
BAD!
Bad kitties.
KOFF
Shoo!
SHOO!
THE LADY KEEPS US.
HACK KHAF
THE LADY KEEPS US
THE LADY...
CRASH!
KAF HACK
Which one of you opened that door!?
RIP!
HIISSSSSSSSS
MEOW
Which one of you--
KOFF KOFF
KAF KAF

KHAF KAK!
I DIDN'T...
KAF HACK
GIGI, I WAS ONLY TRYING TO...
WE HAVE TO GET LORD...
I KNEW IT WASN'T SAFE HERE. I TOLD HIM. I...
ALL THESE CATS...
ELSIE.
SHE KEEPS DEAD CATS HERE. AND...
...AND BAD KIND. I DIDN'T..
I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO...
I HAVE TO GET LORD. I HAVE TO--
CRASH!
REOWWW!!
ELSIE, STOP!
I'M GETTING MY KIDS TO SAFETY. NO MATTER WHAT.
WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUT. RIGHT NOW.
I DIDN'T...
I HAVE TO GET LORD!
ELSIE, THAT'S NOT... HE'S *OUT THERE!* THERE ISN'T TIME...

"...IT ISN'T SAFE."
GET AWAY FROM HER!
SHOO!!
COUGH COUGH
Oh, now I've got to separate you all over again!
HACK KAK!
LORD?
HIISSSSSSS
KAK! HACK
SNORT KAHF!
KAK
KAF!! KAGH! SNORT
LORD, I'M SCARED.
REOWWW
DON'T WORRY. THE LADY WILL KEEP US.
HACK
HACK KAGF
THE..
THE LADY KEEPS US.

THE LADY KEEPS AAAAAAAAA
SLASH!
NO.
NO! LET ME GO!
NOT UNTIL WE'RE SAFE!
NOT UNTIL WE'RE--
ELSIE, STOP!
I'M NOT LEAVING HERE!
KHAF
HACK
KOFF
"...I'M NOT LEAVING CHLOE."
KAF!!
KOFF
KAK KAK!
LORD, PLEASE!
IT ISN'T SAFE HERE! IT ISN'T--
COUGH COUGH
There you are!

There's my bad kitty!
COUGH KHAF
KOFF KOUGH HACK
THE...
THE LADY...

There's my bad...
KOFF KOFF
...got to separate you all over...
KHAF HACK
...got to...
KAK KAK
...there's my...
...my...
KOFF KOFF
ELSIE...
KHAF
Bad kitty.
NO!
PLEASE!
ELSIE, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT'S SHE...
KOFF HACK KOFF KOFF
I DON'T...

COUGH COUGH
Bad kitties go downstairs.
CREEEEEEAK
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
ELSIE, WHAT'S DOWN THERE?
DO NOT DESPAIR.
THE LADY'S PUNISHMENT IS ALWAYS JUST.
YOU WILL FIND COMFORT IN THE DARK.
REOWWWWWW
YAAAAAAAAAAA
IF YOU SURVIVE THE DOWNSTAIRS, YOU WILL FEEL PEACE.
THE LADY KNOWS WHAT IS BEST.
CHLOE, WHAT--

SLAM!
SCRATCH
SCRTCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRTCH
NO.
NO, WAIT! I'M STILL IN HERE!
THE LADY HAS MADE A MISTAKE.
THAT CAN'T BE...
THE LADY KEEPS US.
THERE MUST BE SOME REASON SHE'S KEEPING ME DOWN HERE TOO.
SHE'S TRYING TO HIDE US FROM THE BAD KIND.
THE LADY KEEPS US SAFE!
ARE... ARE YOU TWO SERIOUS WITH THIS?
THE LADY...?

SHE'S BAD KIND TOO!
DIDN'T YOU SEE HER FACE?!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR HER COUGHING AND HACKING AND DROOLING FOAM ALL OVER THE PLACE?!
THAT'S NOT...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE LADY!
SHE'S NOT BAD KIND!
SHE LOVES US AND CARES FOR US! SHE KEEPS US!
SHE--
SHE'S SICK! JUST LIKE THOSE CATS UP THERE!
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE IT?!
NORMAL CATS DON'T WORSHIP OUR PEOPLE LIKE THIS!
WE IGNORE THEM UNTIL WE NEED SOMETHING!
WE DIDN'T HAVE BAD KIND HERE UNTIL YOU SHOWED UP.
MAYBE YOU'RE BAD KIND.
IF I WAS BAD KIND, I'D BITE YOUR WHOLE THROAT OUT RIGHT NOW!
BOTH OF YOU, STOP YELLING!!

I THINK I FOUND A WAY OUT!
HANG IN THERE
THROUGH HERE!
I CAN HEAR WIND ON THE OTHER SIDE.
THE DOORS ARE HEAVY, BUT...
BUT I THINK...
GARAGE ARTS
GARAGE ARTS
NO HOLLYWOOD
I THINK IF WE PUSH TOGETHER, WE CAN MOVE IT.
BUT LORD...
...WE CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT THE LADY.
THE LADY??
WE CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT *GIGI AND THE KIDS.*
CREEEEEEEAK

Bad kitties...
KOFF KOFF
Bad kitties go downstairs...
KOFF KOFF
KHAF KAK
HACK HACK KOFF
...ARE YOU KIDDING?
YOU SAID WE HAD TO 'GET OUT RIGHT NOW!'
SHE CAME BACK!
THE LADY CAME BACK!
I KNEW SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE ME!
I KNEW SHE--
CHLOE, JUST WAIT--
HUFF HUFF HACK KHAF KOUGH
I'M NOT LEAVING HER.
I'M TELLING YOU...
...YOUR LADY ISN'T--
ASH, WHERE'S MAMA?
COUGH
I DON'T KNOW, ELEANOR...
HUFF HUFF KOFF KAK HACK
MAMA...
MAMA SAID IF A STRANGER TRIES TO TAKE US, IT'S OK TO...

BITE!
GAH!!
OH NO.
LADY...
KOFF KOFF
HACK
Huff Huff
KIDS!
KIDS, BE CAREFUL!
I'M!
SCRATCH SCRTCH
TRYING!
SCRTCH SCRTCH
TO BE CAREFUL!!
HACK HACK
KOFF KOFF KOFF KOFF
MILO, WATCH OUT, SHE'S SICK!
SHE'S BAD KIND!
Bad kitties go...
COUGH COUGH
Where are you? You...
HK.
There you are.
KOFF KOFF KOFF

GET YOUR GOD-DAMN PAWS OFF...
SLASH!
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
MY...
MAMA?
...BABIES.

HELP!
BANG
CRACK
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
SLAM
OH NO.

SLAM!
ELSIE!
BANG
CRASH
I GOT IT!
BANG
CRACK
SLAM
DON'T LET THEM FALL!
MAMA!
AAAAAAAAAAA
THE LADY KEEPS US.
THE LADY KEEPS US.

BANG
CRASH
SLAM!
THE LADY-- !!
ARE WE OK? SOUND OFF!
I'VE GOT ASH!
I'VE GOT ELEANOR.
ARE YOU OK?
I'M NOT SURE, I...
WHAT ABOUT...
DID ONE OF US CATCH MILO?
MILO!?
MILO!!?

MAMA, I'M UP HERE!
I DON'T LIKE IT AT THIS HOUSE. THEY PLAY TOO ROUGH!
I KNOW, BABY. JUST COME DOWN AND...
AND WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE. AS SOON AS THAT LADY GETS UP WE'RE GONNA RUSH--
GIGI...
...THE LADY ISN'T MOVING.
WE CAN'T GET OUT.
WE'RE *TRAPPED.*
END CHAPTER 9.

Toxo· plas· mo· sis, *Noun*

Greek (toxo- bow or arc; plasma- creature)

Parasite that infects felines and rodents and can be passed to humans through contact with cat feces.

Infections with toxoplasmosis are associated with a variety of neuropsychiatric and behavioral conditions including a strong attachment to cats as well as irritability, recklessness, confusion and slowed reaction times.

To avoid contamination or infection, cat owners are advised to use covered litter boxes and to wear plastic gloves when changing cat litter. It is also suggested that pregnant woman refrain from changing cat litter to avoid passing the parasite to the unborn.

Adults experiencing Toxoplasmosis symptoms should not operate vehicles or heavy machinery.

See Also: Toxoplasmoses Gondii, T. Gondii

CHAPTER 10:

STARVATION

TWO DAYS LATER...
MAMA...
MAMA, MY TUMMY HURTS!

I KNOW, BABY. WE'RE ALL HUNGRY.
WE'LL GET YOU SOMETHING TO EAT, I PROMISE.
ONCE WE FIND A WAY PAST THE...
THE...
I KNOW WE CAN MOVE HER. WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING.
WE CAN DO IT.
I KNOW WE CAN DO IT.
MAMA...

SCRTCH
SCRTCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
LORD! CHLOE!
ANY PROGRESS UP THERE??
SCRATCH
SCRTCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
WE'RE SCRATCHING AS HARD AS WE CAN, BUT...
I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE EVER GONNA BREAK THROUGH.
THEN WE KEEP PUSHING.
YOU CAN DO THIS, GIGI.
UFF
UGH
SHE WON'T...
SHE WON'T BUDGE...
HKK
C'MON!
YOU CAN DO THIS, I *KNOW* IT!
ELSIE...

WE CAN'T MOVE HER!
YOU'RE WRONG, ELSIE. YOU DON'T KNOW...
YOU DON'T KNOW *ANYTHING!*
YOUR INSTINCTS ARE--
YOU THINK YOU KNOW BUT YOU...
MAMA?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT *PATCH!*
THAT'S NOT--
WHAT YOU DID TO POOR *LORD!?*
AND ALL THOSE CATS *UPSTAIRS!?*
I DIDN'T--

ELSIE, JONAS IS *DEAD* BECAUSE YOU...
YOU...
IT'S ALWAYS YOUR *FAULT*!
YOU DON'T *THINK*! YOU GET THESE IDEAS AND YOU JUST...
MAMA, IT HURTS!
GIGI.
YOU DON'T GET TO MAKE THE DECISIONS ANYMORE.
IT'S ENOUGH.
I CAN'T LET YOU PUT MY KIDS IN DANGER LIKE THIS.
MAMA, PLEASE! I'M STARVING!
GIGI...
THEN WHAT...
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

WE HAVE TO EAT THE LADY.
WHAT!?
NOPE.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.

WE ARE ABSOLUTELY *NOT* EATING MY LADY!
WE'RE NOT...
GIGI, THIS ISN'T...
THE LADY KEEPS US!
MAMA, I DON'T THINK I LIKE LADY.
MY CHILDREN ARE STARVING.
SNIFF SNIFF
LORD SAYS THERE'S A WAY OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR.
BUT SHE'S TOO HEAVY TO MOVE RIGHT NOW. AND WE'RE WEAK FROM HUNGER.
SO, DO WE STAY HERE AND STARVE?
OR DO WE--
NO!
THE LADY KEEPS US! SHE--
CHLOE...
THIS ISN'T RIGHT! THIS IS CRAZY! SHE...
THE LADY...

THE LADY WILL KEEP US ALIVE.
LORD, NO! THIS IS...
THIS IS...
THIS IS HOW SHE KEEPS US.
HHH
CHOMP
LORD, IS IT...
MNCH MNCH MNCH
IS SHE...
CHEW CHEW NOM NOM MNCH MNCH
SHE DOESN'T TASTE LIKE ANYTHING.
NOT BAD.
CHOMP CHEW MNCH MNCH

BUT... SHE WAS SICK, RIGHT?
IS THIS SAFE?
WHAT IF SHE...
CHOMP CHOMP
NOM NOM SNAP CHEW CHEW
MNCH MNCH CHEW
CHOMP
I'M GONNA BE SICK TOO.
IS IT SAFE?
SNIFF SNIFF
MNCH MNCH
NOM NOM
HHH

AAAAAAAGHHH!!
OH GOD.
THE...
THE...
KOFF
KOFF
KAF

Huff Huff HACK
THE LADY!!
KAF KOFF
KOFF KOFF
Bad...
KOFF KOUGH HACK KAK
THE LADY HAS RISEN!!!
KOFF HACK HACK HACK
I TOLD YOU!
I TOLD YOU THE LADY...

CHLOE, LOOK OUT!
COUGH
COUGH
HACK
COUGH
KHAF
HACK
HACK
CAUTION HOT
BAD!
CRASH!
GAHH!!
TSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS
IT'S OK, MY DARLINGS.
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE...

THIS IS NOT GOOD.
THE LADY...
...SHE'S HURT!
TSSSSSSSSSS
COUGH COUGH
OTION H T
WE HAVE TO HELP--
BAD!
BAD! BAD! AAAA
I TAKE IT BACK.
YOU'RE THE LEADER.
YOU'RE IN CHARGE NOW!
COUGH HACK BAD COUGH HACK BAD HACK KAK
WHAT?

BAD KITTY!
KOFF HACK COUGH COUGH
KHAF KOFF
Bad kitties bite...
COUGH HACK KAK KOFF

COUGH KOFF
Bad kitties get the cone!
KHAF COUGH
NO!
NOT MY--
LORD, WHAT'S SHE--
KOFF HACK
SLAM!
SLAM!
MAMA, WHERE'S SHE TAKING US!?
WHAT'S SHE--
KOFF Huff Huff
KIDS... LISTEN TO ME.
WHEN WE GET UPSTAIRS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR...
...I WANT YOU TO CLOSE YOUR EYES!

WHY, MAMA?
HACK KOFF
Bad kitties...
Huff Huff
...get the crate.
ARE THE BAD CATS STILL FIGHTING?
...NO.
NO, HONEY.
THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING ANYMORE.

HACK
COUGH
KHAF
SNORT
KAK
HACK
KOFF
KOFF
KAGH
KOUGH
KAK
ELSIE, SOUND OFF!
ARE YOU THERE?
ARE YOU HURT?
DON'T LOOK AT THE...
JUST DON'T LOOK!
I'M HERE. I...
...I CAN'T MOVE MY HEAD.
I CAN'T LOOK AWAY.
THIS IS MY FAULT.
THIS IS...

HUFF HUFF KOFF KOFF
Give you a good home...
Give you food...
KOFF KOUGH KAK
Shelter...
KOFF KOFF
And this is how you--
COUGH HACK KHAF GUKH KOFF KAF
CLICK
SLAM!
KOFF KOFF
VROOOOOOM

Bad kitties--
KHAF COUGH
KOFF KOFF KOFF
Bad kitties get surrendered.
KHAF KOUGH
Bad kitties go to *Animal Control.*
COUGH HACK KOFF
Huff
Huff Huff KOFF
VRNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN

HOOOOONK!
SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEECH
ELSIE, WHAT WAS THAT!?
CAN YOU SEE?
WHAT IS HAPPENING!?
Honk at me...
Son of a bitch...
KAF KAF
HUFF HUFF
Why don't you turn down your god-damned...
Oh... Right...
....Head-lights.
COUGH KHAF KAK
CLICK
FWASH!

SKREEEEEEEEEEEEECH!
Huff Huff
SKREEEEEEEEEEEE
I CAN'T...
THE LIGHTS KEEP CHANGING. I CAN'T...
KOFF KOFF
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
SHE'S GOING TOO--
WAIT...

HOOOOOOOONK!
KAF KAK
KOFF KOFF
SKREEEEEEEEEEE
PATCH?
SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEECRASH!
SMASH BANG CRASH
SAUCE
OF AMERICA
IN GOD WE TRUST

PATCH?
END CHAPTER 10.

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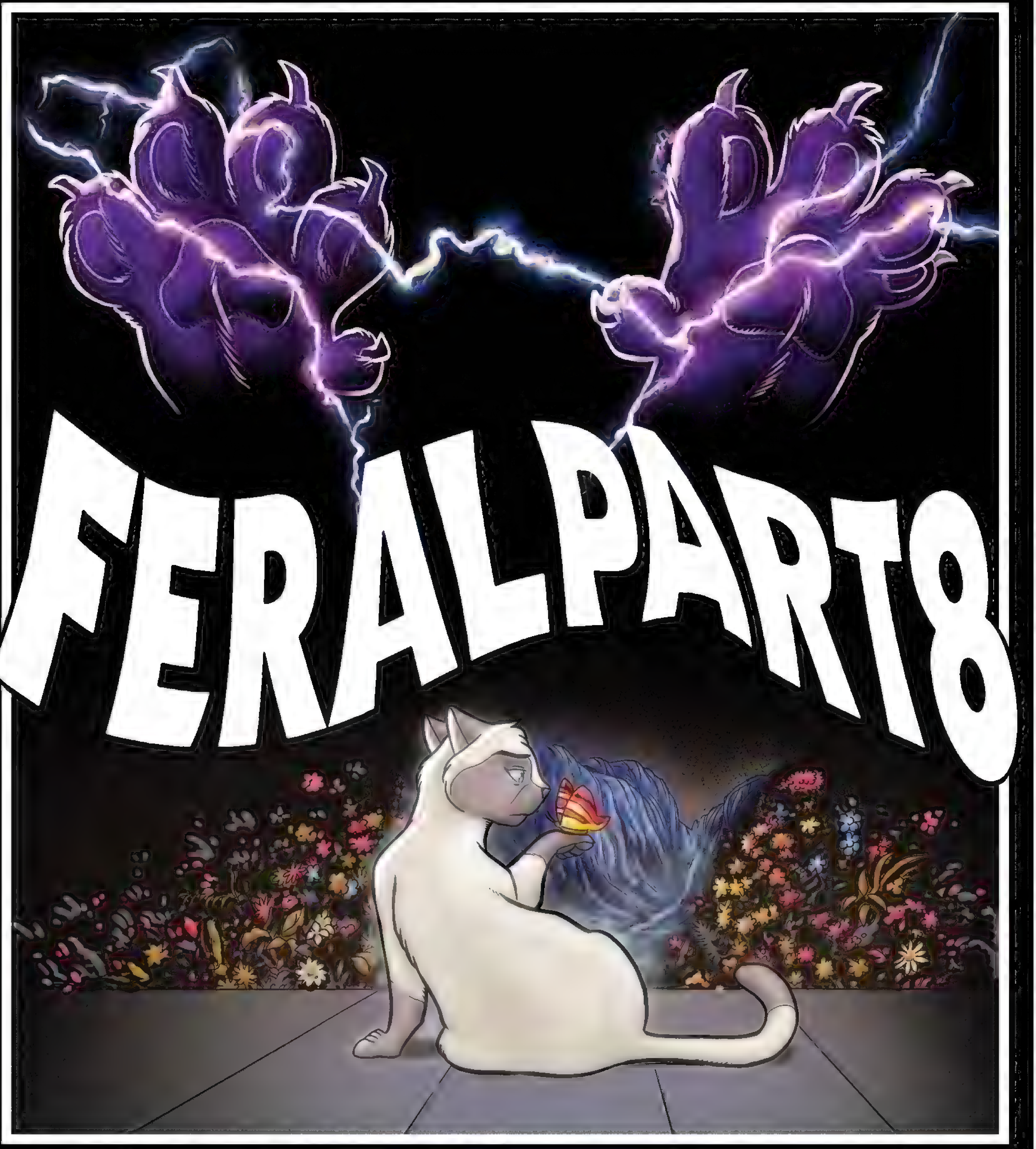

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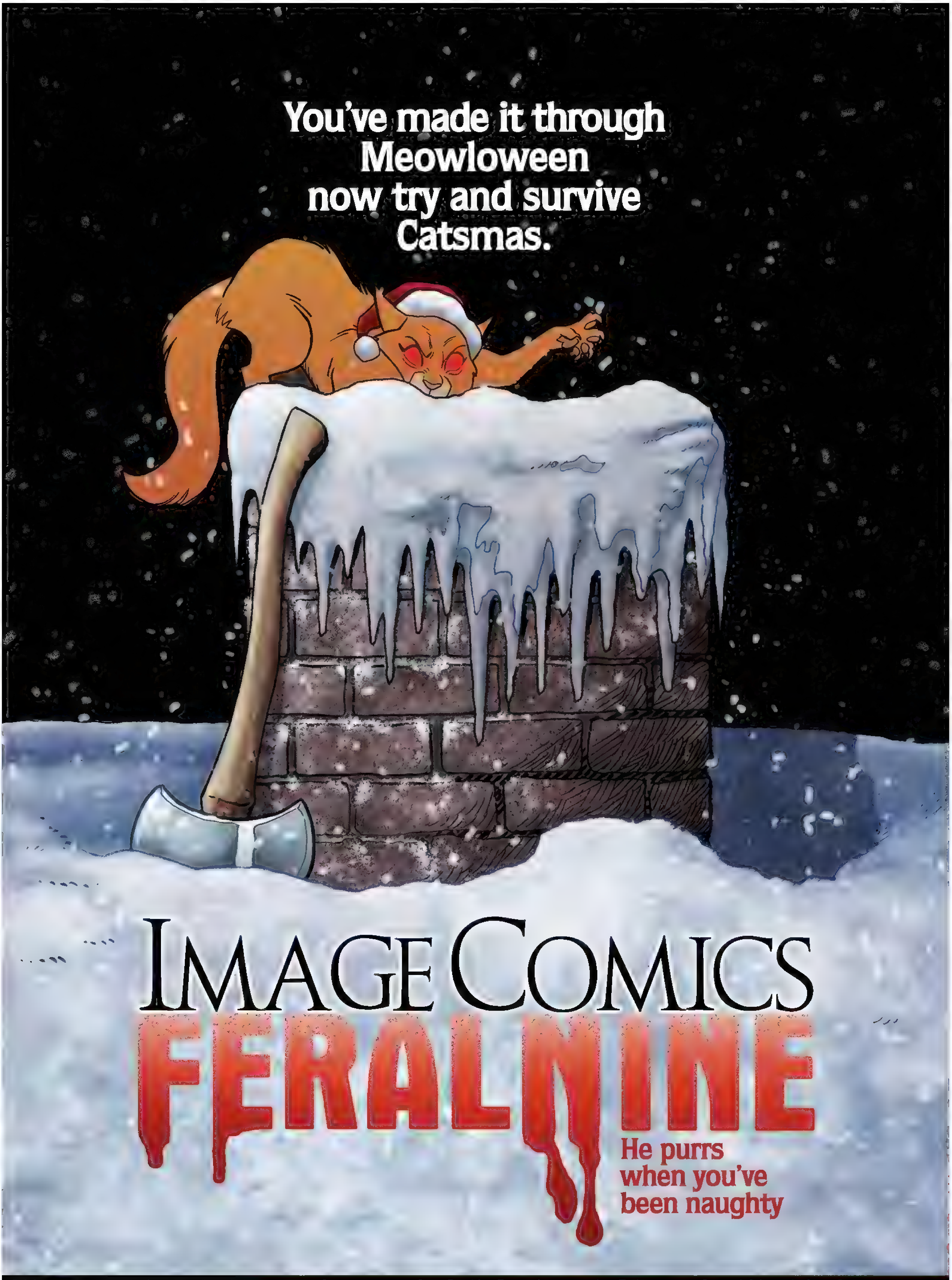
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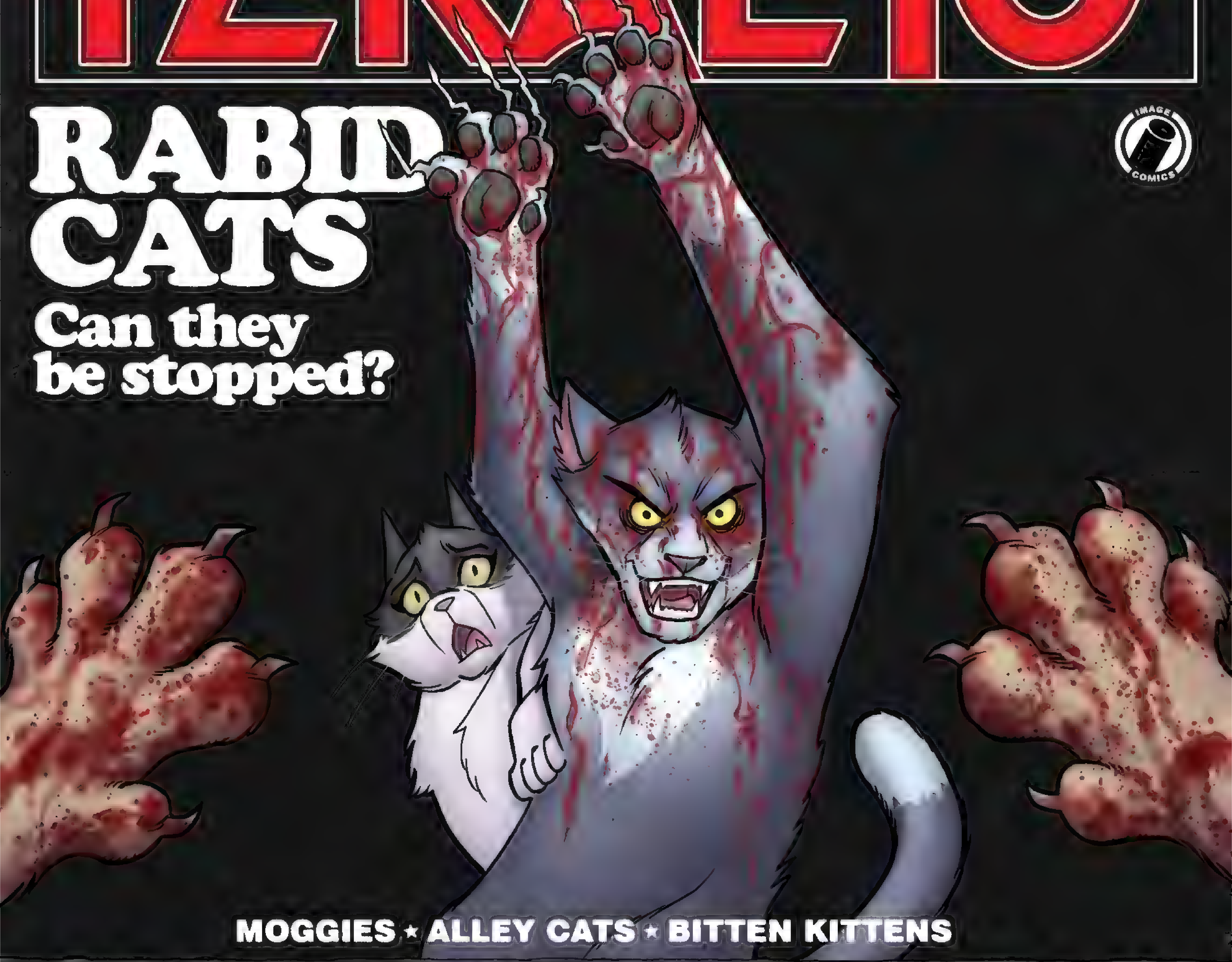

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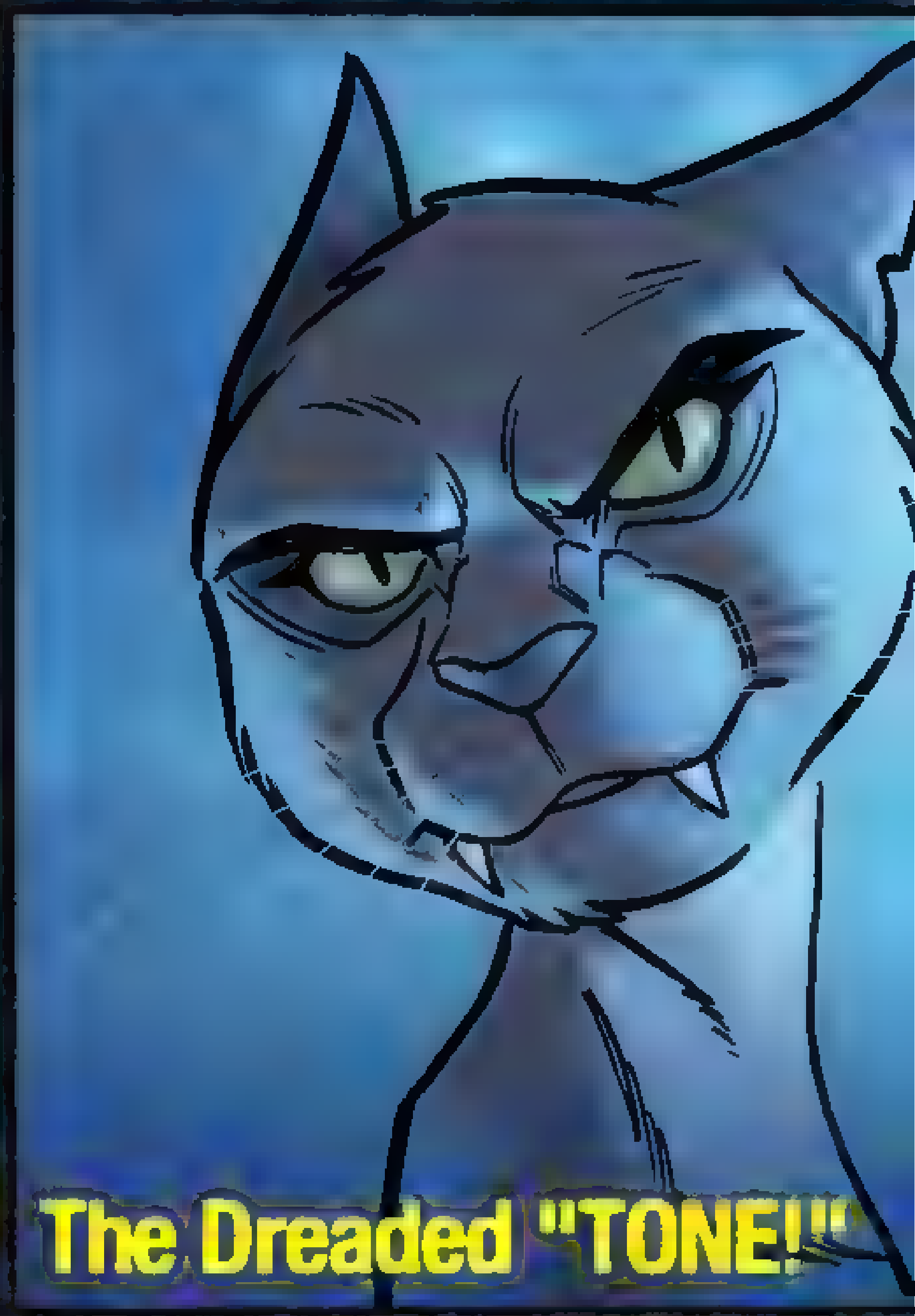

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TRISH FORSTNER

The co-creator of **STRAY DOGS**, Trish Forstner has a lifetime of experience creating fun, lovable characters. She's been drawing since she could hold a pencil. Trish loves classic animation and has drawn influence from many sources, particularly Classic '80s and '90s toons.

You've seen her work in IDW's **My Little Pony** comic series as well as on **Disney's Gargoyles**, **Darkwing Duck**, **Scar** and **Lilo and Stitch**.

TONE RODRIGUEZ

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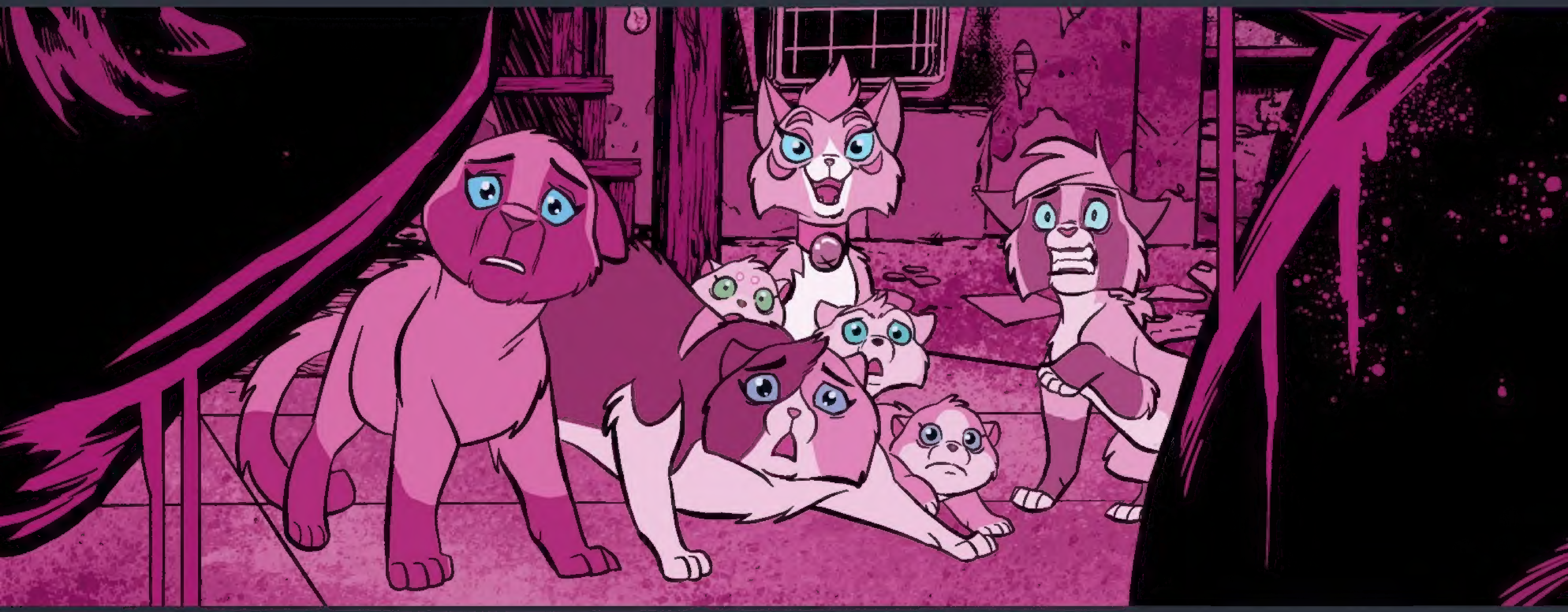

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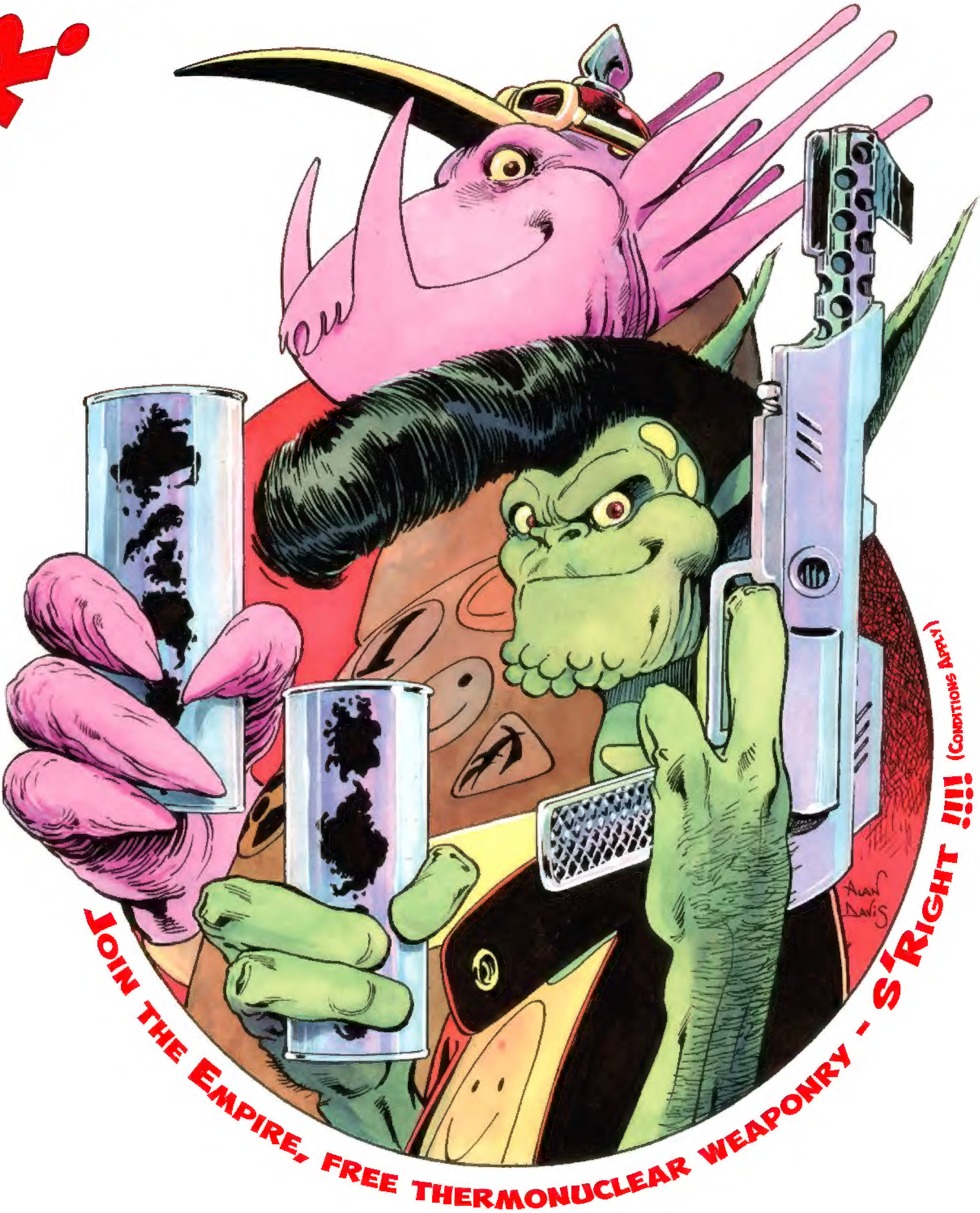
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